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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 127

Introduced by Assembly Member Tran
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Duvall, Silva, Solorio, and Spitzer)
(Coauthors: Senators Ackerman and Correa)

April 7, 2008

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 127—Relative to Garden Grove ~~Officers~~ *Police Officers Memorial Highway, honoring Myron L. Trapp, Andy R. Reese, Donald R. Reed, Michael L. Rainford, and Howard E. Dallies, Jr., Memorial Highway.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 127, as amended, Tran. Garden Grove *Police Officers Memorial Highway, honoring Myron L. Trapp, Andy R. Reese, Donald R. Reed, Michael L. Rainford, and Howard E. Dallies, Jr., Memorial Highway.* ~~Jr.~~

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 22 in the City of Garden Grove, as the Garden Grove *Police Officers Memorial Highway, honoring Myron L. Trapp, Andy R. Reese, Donald R. Reed, Michael L. Rainford, and Howard E. Dallies, Jr., Memorial Highway.* The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, The City of Garden Grove has had more police
2 officers killed in the line of duty than any other municipal police
3 agency in Orange County; and

4 WHEREAS, On October 6, 1959, Garden Grove Police Officer
5 Myron L. Trapp and other officers responded to a call of an assault
6 with a deadly weapon. A man watching a baseball game on
7 television was upset with a road crew working on the street in front
8 of his house and fired two shots from a rifle in their direction.
9 Sergeant Trapp tried to talk the suspect out of the house using a
10 bullhorn. As another officer approached the front door, Sergeant
11 Trapp saw the suspect walking toward the door with the rifle.
12 Sergeant Trapp ran to the front to warn the other officer and the
13 suspect fired once through the door. The bullet passed by the first
14 officer and struck Sergeant Trapp, fatally wounding him; and

15 WHEREAS, Garden Grove Reserve Officer Andy R. Reese was
16 one of the first reserve officers to work for the City of Garden
17 Grove. He had retired from the military, moved to Garden Grove,
18 and joined the police department. He was a professional reserve
19 officer who could do it all. In the early years of the Garden Grove
20 Police Department, all new officers were required to ride with
21 Officer Reese as a requirement before being sent to an academy.
22 On May 30, 1970, Officer Reese was directing traffic at Brookhurst
23 and Trask Streets during the Strawberry Festival parade. An
24 impatient motorist decided to pass the slow moving traffic and
25 struck Officer Reese, fatally injuring him; and

26 WHEREAS, Garden Grove Police Officer Donald R. Reed
27 began his law enforcement career as a Garden Grove Police Officer
28 in 1977. Officer Reed quickly earned a reputation as a streetwise
29 police officer with an expertise in narcotics. On June 7, 1980,
30 Officer Reed and three other officers entered the Cripple Creek
31 Bar to serve a felony arrest warrant on a man in the bar. Officer
32 Reed talked to the subject and began to escort him to the back door
33 to prevent an incident inside the bar. As they walked out the door,
34 the man turned and fired a semiautomatic handgun and struck
35 Officer Reed in the chest, fatally wounding him; and

36 WHEREAS, Garden Grove Police Officer Michael L. Rainford
37 began his law enforcement career with the Garden Grove Police
38 Department as a reserve officer. Officer Rainford quickly earned
39 the respect and trust of all who worked with him and was noted
40 for his ever-present smile and cheerful personality. On November

1 7, 1980, five months after the loss of Officer Reed, Officer
2 Rainford was on patrol when he saw a traffic violation on Harbor
3 Boulevard and followed the violator onto the westbound Garden
4 Grove Freeway on-ramp. It was a normal car stop for a traffic
5 violation, however, Officer Rainford never made it to the violator.
6 He was struck by a drunk driver and fatally injured; and

7 WHEREAS, Garden Grove Police Officer Howard E. Dallies,
8 Jr., began his law enforcement career with the Orange County
9 Sheriff's Department and went to the Placentia Police Department
10 before becoming a Garden Grove Police Officer five years later.
11 Officer Dallies was known for being a quiet, patient, and sincerely
12 polite man. On March 9, 1993, at approximately 2:45 am, Master
13 Officer Dallies stopped the driver of a motorcycle on Aldgate
14 Street, east of Brookhurst Street. As Officer Dallies approached
15 the motorcycle, the driver fired six shots at Officer Dallies, striking
16 him four times. Master Officer Dallies was rushed to the hospital,
17 where he died from his wounds; and

18 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to recognize and honor these fallen
19 officers' sacrifice; now, therefore, be it

20 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
21 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
22 eight mile portion of State Highway Route 22 in the City of Garden
23 Grove, as the Garden Grove ~~Officers~~ *Police Officers Memorial*
24 *Highway, honoring* Myron L. Trapp, Andy R. Reese, Donald R.
25 Reed, Michael L. Rainford, and Howard E. Dallies, Jr., ~~Memorial~~
26 ~~Highway~~; and be it further

27 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
28 to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent
29 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,
30 showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations
31 from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and
32 be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
34 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
35 author for appropriate distribution.